

NM EQIP FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - _____ F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - 60 Potential Points (30% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Rotation			20		
	Seasonal Use			10		
	Continuous Use			0		
Deferrment Period	>90% of Growing Season			20		
	51-90% of Growing Season			10		
	26-50% of Growing Season			5		
	0-25% of Growing Season			0		
Stocking Rate Based On: WP-2 26-50 SI:	>11 Acres / 1 AUM			20		
	9-11 Acres/ 1AUM			10		
	6.5-8.9 Acres / 1 AUM			5		
	<6.4 Acres / AUM			0		
(Irr. Lands) Stocking Rate: Based on Soils Data				20		
				10		
				5		
				0		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 105 Potential Points (52.5% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should e given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. <small>Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide</small>				Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
Soil Erosion (Erosion and Deposition)				25		
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (548)				5		
Grade Stabelization Structure (410)				5		
Range Planting (550)				5		
Brush Management (314)				5		
Fencing (382)				5		
Water Quantiy				20		
Spring Development (547)				5		
Pond (378)/Pond Sealing (521)				5		
Well (642)				5		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516&614)				5		
Water Quality (Surface Water Contaminants)				20		
Well (642)				5		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516&614)				5		
Pond(378)/Pond Sealing (521)				5		
Fencing (382)				5		
Air (Dust)				5		
Range Planting (550)				5		
Plants (Suitability, Condition and Management)				15		
Range Planting (550)				5		
Fencing (382)				5		
Brush Management (314)				5		
Animals (Habitat and Management)				20		
Range Planting (550)				4		
Stream Habitat Improvement (395)				4		
Well (642) / Pond Sealing (521)				4		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516&614)				4		
Wildlife Watering Facility (648)				4		
2. Conservation Practice Selection				Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 35 Potential Points (17.5% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	10	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	4	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	4	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	4	0	
E. Class A and / or B Noxious Weeds are addressed within contracted area for management	9	0	
F. Land is involved with other conservation enhancement programs (i.e. Partners for Fish and Wildlife etc.)	4	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1_____ Section 2_____ Section 3_____ Total for Worksheet _____*

***A minimum of 50 total points must be earned to be considered for contract selection.**

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Designated Conservationist

Date